

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-4, 7-9, 12-14, 17-19, 22-24, 27-29 and 32-34, and amend claims 1 and 5 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for separation of construction waste comprising: [[,]]

~~in which construction waste crushed to a predetermined size is added~~ adding
construction waste crushed to a predetermined size to a liquid in a precipitation tank and separated into components in the tank according to specific gravity, in which the liquid has a reference specific gravity lower than that of a component to be recovered but higher than that of the remaining components, such that only the component to be recovered is separated by precipitation to the bottom of the precipitation tank, wherein the liquid is a suspension obtained by diluting a heavy medium in water to have a reference specific gravity; which further comprises the steps of:

stirring the cylindrical precipitation tank by rotation using a driving unit such that the medium dispersed in the tank is maintained as a stable suspension;

introducing the construction waste crushed to a predetermined size into the precipitation tank;

recovering the component precipitated to the bottom of the precipitation by lifting up the component by means of rotating plates attached to the inner wall of the precipitation tank and allowing the lifted component to fall down into a recovering unit placed at a central portion; and

gathering the remaining components floating on the suspension at the central portion by pushing with guide plates and discharging the gathered components from the precipitation tank.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 1, wherein the medium is selected from the group consisting of magnetite powder, ferrosilicon powder, hematite powder, galena powder and a mixture thereof.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the component to be recovered is recyclable aggregate, and the remaining components are impurities having a specific gravity lower than that of the aggregate.

Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Canceled)

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the component to be recovered is recyclable aggregate, and the remaining components are impurities having a specific gravity lower than that of the aggregate.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein the specific gravity of each component of the construction waste, which is used for determining the reference specific gravity of the liquid, is based on surface-dry density measured in a state where each of the components contained a sufficient amount of water held therein.

Claim 12. (Canceled)

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Claim 13. (Canceled)

Claim 14. (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the specific gravity of each component of the construction waste, which is used for determining the reference specific gravity of the liquid, is based on surface-dry density measured in a state where each of the components contained a sufficient amount of water held therein.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein the reference specific gravity of the liquid is in a range of 2.35-2.5.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Canceled)

Claim 19. (Canceled)

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 15, wherein the reference specific gravity of the liquid is in a range of 2.35-2.5.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, wherein each component of the construction waste, which is added to the liquid in the precipitation tank, has been crushed to a size of 10-50 mm.

Claim 22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Canceled)

Claim 24. (Canceled)

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein each component of the construction waste, which is added to the liquid in the precipitation tank, has been crushed to a size of 10-50 mm.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, which further comprises a step of stirring the precipitation tank such that the liquid is maintained at a uniform specific gravity.

Claim 27. (Canceled)

Claim 28. (Canceled)

Claim 29. (Canceled)

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, which further comprises a step of stirring the precipitation tank such that the liquid is maintained at a uniform specific gravity.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, which further comprises the steps of: measuring the specific gravity of the liquid in the precipitation tank; and adding the medium into the precipitation tank if the measured specific gravity is lower than the reference specific gravity, or adding water into the tank if the measured specific gravity is higher than the reference specific gravity.

Claim 32. (Canceled)

Claim 33. (Canceled)

Claim 34. (Canceled)